

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : Confirmation No. :
First Named Inventor : Manfred GUGGOLZ
Filed : March 18, 2005
TC/A.U. :
Examiner :

Docket No. : 095309.56039US
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Method for Operating a Drive Train of a Motor
Vehicle

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98

Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 18, 2005

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (AA-AD) have already been provided by the International Searching Authority, therefore, duplicate copies are not attached hereto. Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

Also submitted herewith is a corresponding German Search Report (and a translation of the relevant portions thereof) together with the cited references listed on the attached PTO-1449 as AE-AJ.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary R. Edwards
Registration No. 31,824

CROWELL & MORING LLP
Intellectual Property Group
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844
GRE:kms

366621v1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO | | Complete if Known | |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary) | | Application Number | 10/528429 |
| | | Filing Date | March 18, 2005 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Manfred GUGGOLZ |
| | | Art Unit | |
| | | Examiner Name | |
| Sheet 1 of 1 | Attorney Docket Number | 095309.56039US | |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|----|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Examiner Initials ¹ | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number | | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | Number-Kind Code ² (if known) | | | | |
| | AA | US- 6,319,170 | B1 | 11/20/2001 | Hubbard et al | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |
| | | US- | | | | |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Examiner Initials ¹ | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁶ |
| | | Country Code ³ --Number ⁴ --Kind Code ⁵ <i>(if known)</i> | | | | |
| | AB | EP 0 676 566 A1 | 03/24/1995 | Eaton Corporation | | |
| | AC | WO 00/31442 | 06/02/2000 | Voith Turbo GmbH | | |
| | AD | WO 98/17929 | 04/30/1998 | ZF Friedrichshafen | | |
| | AE | DE 199 62 963 A1 | 12/24/1999 | Robert Bosch GmbH | | |
| | AF | DE 199 33 312 A1 | 07/16/1999 | WABCO GmbH | | |
| | AG | DE 100 40 657 A1 | 08/19/2000 | ZF Friedrichshafen | | |
| | AH | DE 42 10 626 A1 | 03/31/1992 | BMW AG | | |
| | AI | EP 0 925 990 A2 | 06/30/1999 | Eaton Corporation | | |
| | AJ | EP 0 512 728 A2 | 04/27/1992 | Eaton Corporation | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

GRE:kms 366624v1